



San Diego Rock Art Association Meeting

Sunday, April 7, 2013

Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive Center
13104 Ipai Waaypuk Trail (formerly Silver Lake Drive)
Poway, CA 92064

Barrier Canyon: Mysterious Expressions



François Gohier



The imagery that forms the Barrier Canyon Style is found primarily on the Colorado Plateau in Utah, with additional sites in western Colorado. It is believed to have been made by hunters and gatherers in late Archaic times, and is estimated to date from between 4000 B.P. (2000 B.C.) and A.D. 500. Most of the art consists of paintings, although petroglyphs are also known. Some of the best known sites display life-size anthropomorphs, often lacking arms and legs, which have been described as “mummy-like” or “ghost-like.” Other sites show scenes involving smaller anthropomorphs; tiny birds, sheep, snakes, insects, and plants are sometimes depicted and seem to interact with the human forms. Most of these paintings are executed with great care and precision. The Barrier Canyon Style is one of the most mysterious artistic expressions found on the Colorado Plateau. This presentation will consist of an overview of the style with images from sites scattered across central Utah and northwestern Colorado. François Gohier has been an independent professional photographer for the past 40 years. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Utah Rock Art Research Association.

- **4:00 Potluck: Bring food of your choice to share**
 - **5:00 Meeting**
 - **6:00 Presentation**

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